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In re Patent No. 7,531,580 :
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Application No. 10/552,236 :
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed December 28, 2009, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 3.81(b) to correct the name of the assignee on the front page of the above-identified patent by way of a certificate of correction.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Pursuant to petitioner's authorization, deposit account no. 23-1925 will be charged the required \$130.00 processing fee and the \$100.00 certificate of correction fee.

Petitioner requests issuance of a certificate of correction in the name of "Unimatec Co., Ltd., Tokyo (JP) and NOK Corporation, Tokyo (JP)."

37 CFR 3.81(b), effective June 25, 2004, reads:

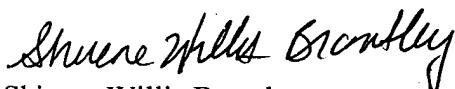
After payment of the issue fee: Any request for issuance of an application in the name of the assignee submitted after the date of payment of the issue fee, and any request for a patent to be corrected to state the name of the assignee, must state that the assignment was submitted for recordation as set forth in § 3.11 **before issuance of the patent**, and must include a request for a certificate of correction under § 1.323 of this chapter (accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.20(a) and the processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i) of this chapter [emphasis added]. *See also* MPEP 1481.01.

The present petition is dismissed because the proposed certificate of correction lists an incorrect application number.

A review of Office database assignment records reflects that assignments to Unimatec Co., Ltd., Tokyo (JP) and NOK Corporation, Tokyo (JP) have been recorded. Therefore, upon submission of an acceptable certificate of correction, it would be appropriate for the Office to issue a certificate of correction to correct the front page of the Letters Patent to reflect that Unimatec Co., Ltd., Tokyo (JP) and NOK Corporation, Tokyo (JP) were the assignees of record at the time of issuance of the application into a patent. *Note also 35 U.S.C. § 152.*

No further renewed request under 37 CFR 3.81(b) is necessary for consideration by the Office of Petitions for issuance of a certificate of correction in the name of the assignees set forth in this request, since this decision operates as an instruction to the Certificates of Correction Branch to issue the requested certificate of correction.

Inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230. Any questions concerning issuance of a certificate of correction should be directed to the Certificates of Correction Branch at (571) 272-4200.



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